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### **LOCAL AVALANCHE ADVISORIES AVAILABLE ONLINE**

#### **MISSOULA—**

The University of Montana Campus Recreation program and the West Central Montana Avalanche Center have partnered to provide area avalanche warnings and public education programs.

Dudley Improt, assistant director of UM's Campus Recreation program, collects snow profile data and assists in posting weekend avalanche advisories on the WCMAC Web site at <http://www.missoulaavalanche.org>.

With the help of the University, the West Central Montana Avalanche Foundation that supports WCMAC has registered the domain name, which makes it easier to post advisories and will help generate revenue for the center through advertising.

WCMAC, which operates out of the Lolo National Forest with the U.S. Forest Service, also collaborates with UM's Campus Recreation program and other area agencies to offer public education courses about avalanches and ways to be prepared for an avalanche emergency. Since 2004, more than 2,200 individuals in the area have attended avalanche awareness and safety classes.

Area businesses and private individuals also have contributed time and money to make avalanche advisories and avalanche education available in West Central Montana.

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